

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** each year, Americans remember the debt of gratitude we owe to our veterans who have given their lives in defense of freedom and democracy, with communities across South Carolina and the nation pausing to honor the great sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform; and

**WHEREAS,** in times of war and conflict, the members of the United States military have fought and died to defeat tyranny and protect our way of life, performing their duties with dedication, courage, and distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** the duty of preserving peace has claimed the lives of many South Carolinians who served our country valiantly and with little thought to their own personal safety; and

**WHEREAS,** while we mourn the loss of all our fallen soldiers, we must also celebrate their heroic lives and the better world they helped to shape.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2004, as

### MEMORIAL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pause on this special day of remembrance to recognize and honor those Americans whose sacrifices have made our nation strong and our world a better place.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**